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In re Application of: Slater, et al. Group No.: 1652
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Dear Sir:

The following communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 12, 2003, due on or before November 12, 2003. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Application in view of the following amendment and remarks.